

USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 8 JANUARY 1999

CEFMS:

CEFMS ISSUES:

a. All the effort required to ensure that CEFMS is Y2K compliant was completed and appropriate documentation prepared and approved certifying the CEFMS System as Y2K compliant on 28 December 1998. This information was loaded into the DA Y2K Database on 29 December 1998. The certification was a Level 3 which indicates successful self-testing by the system proponent in their own facility with no additional review of the system or device or test results. Although USAAA observed our test, test results, and documentation they had not completed their review or provided us written confirmation at the time we needed to proceed with the certification. We opted to certify at Level 3, then update the certification to Level 2 when we receive the final report from USAAA. Level 2 certification indicates that an independent audit of the system or device and existing test results was successfully completed. An independent audit is that conducted by a government or contractor organization outside the systems or device's chain of responsibility. We anticipate that USAAA will provide their audit results/report by mid to late January 1999.

b. We completed the development and processing of SQL scripts to load Supervision and Administration (S&A) data from historical databases to the current databases. We also deployed new screens to allow/enable users to correct errors to S&A data without submitting problem reports. One of the positive impacts from fielding this capability will be a reduction of interest penalty payments caused by an unnecessary delay in the processing of contract payments. These changes complimented the S&A improvements initially released on 11 December 1998.

c. The following changes/functionality were placed in production during this period:

- New Screen to automatically process payment to states by moving collections from the suspense accounts to the direct appropriation.

- New view screen for Revenue Generating Agreements (RGA's) that displays all bills and collections linked to that RGA number.

- Functionality deployed that allows assets funded by

multiple appropriations to be recorded.

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 1,373 compared to 1,314 on the last report. The inventory includes 180 Priority #1 problem reports.

Beginning on 11 January we will initiate the first of three reviews aimed at purifying the CEFMS Problem Report Inventory. A description of the reviews was provided to the field in the 22 December 1998 memorandum on the status of CEFMS Modernization.

b. Twenty-two (22) of the sixty-three databases have no imbalances, thirteen (13) have one (1), three (3) have two, eight (8) have three, another thirteen (13) sites have nine or less. Only four (4) sites have more than ten.

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

a. Tom Brockman and I met with the North Atlantic Division/Districts Resource Managers/Finance and Accounting Officers in Baltimore on 5 and 6 January 1999 to review the MOA and Appendix A. We also met with Real Estate personnel from the NAD districts that have a real estate mission on 6 January. From our perspective it was a very productive session.

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

<u>LOCATION:</u>	<u>NUMBER:</u>
Huntsville	25
Millington	248
Washington	2
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	5
Total	281

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>As of 12/31/98</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
BY CHECK:			
Checks Issued	64,672	4,843	69,515

Dollar Amount	\$963,816,075	\$88,909,870	\$1,052,725,945
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BY EFT:

Transfers Made	15,792	1,262	17,054
Dollar Amount	\$599,311,832	\$46,839,514	\$646,151,346

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. The CEFMS Team released a change to the disbursing functionality that eliminated a duplicate step in the check writing process, which will result in a dramatic clock time savings. Prior to this change CEFMS had a double verification of all electronic signatures supporting a payment to be disbursed. The electronic signatures were verified on the database of record (for each site) then verified again on the UFC database (T0) just prior to printing the check. Elimination of the second/duplicate verification will enable the UFC to start the check printing process 3-4 hours earlier in the workday. This should reduce the requirement for overtime to complete the process of getting the checks in the mail on those days when the process doesn't go as smoothly as planned.

b. Mr. Pete Brown will start a two-week TDY assignment to DFAS Pensacola on 11 January to review the new Defense Cash Accountability System (DCAS) for USACE. DCAS will be the system we use to make cross disbursements for non-check disbursements between DoD agencies. This system will eventually replace the current TFO/TBO method. Mr. Brown will ensure that the training package being developed will include the process for other agencies (items they must enter) to ensure that USACE can process the transaction in CEFMS.

c. The first Revolving Fund CFO General Review Team meeting was held in Huntsville 5 January - 8 January. Attendees were Sandy Eckley and Mary Young from the CEFMS Team, Frank Billiams, Finance and Accounting HQUSACE, Sherry Masters from USAAA, Gordon Craig, Finance and Accounting Officer, Nashville district, formerly of USAAA, and Linda Jeffreys, Anita Lauterbach, Cynthia Blevins from the USACE Finance Center. The team reviewed and discussed the abnormal general ledger balances and the CFO Reconciliation Reports. They recommended that we conduct working analysis and correction workshops at the UFC and require someone from each district to attend. The team also reviewed the 2108, SF133, and CFO Statement of Budgetary Resources Revolving Fund crosswalk challenge. The team identified/proposed a solution and will be submitting a CEFMS problem report to address the issue. This team also discussed several other critical issues related to the revolving fund. The results of the effort that this group has undertaken will be key to whether or not USACE receives an

unqualified opinion on the FY 99 Financial Statements.